

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-19 are pending.

The Office Action erroneously indicates that only claim 1-13 are pending. In fact, the application as filed includes 19 claims.

The Examiner has required restriction in this application among the claims of:

Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to a topical composition containing L-carnitine, an acyl L-carnitine, a salt thereof, or a mixture thereof; and

Group II, claims 11-13, drawn to the use of a topical composition containing L-carnitine, an acyl L-carnitine, a salt thereof, or a mixture thereof for treating skin.

Because claims 14-19 are directed to a topical composition, applicants respectfully submit that they fall in Group I.

Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-10 and 14-19) for further prosecution in this application without traverse.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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